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TOPIC Finow Airfield

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13 September 1952

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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity was observed at Finow airfield between 21 July and 23 August:

21 July. Between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m., 16 MiG-15 and type-29 planes flew in four formations over Finow airfield with an interval of 50 meters between the individual formations. At 9 a.m., 8 swept-back jet fighters were aloft. At 9:30 and 11 a.m. respectively, one MiG-15 plane practiced flying.

22 July. Between 6 and 7 a.m., 15 MiG-15 and type-29 planes made practice flights. Between 7 a.m. and noon, there was flying by swept-back jet fighters which flew in elements of two, in flights and in formations of up to 12 planes.

23 July. Aircraft observed at the field included 34 MiG-15 and type-29 planes which were counted and about 11 MiG-15s which were estimated. The alert flight of four planes, [redacted] was in the northeastern corner of the field.

24 July. During the morning, 21 MiG-15 and type-29 planes practiced a simulated attack on a formation of swept-back jet fighters which flew straight ahead and probably was to represent a bomber formation.

28 July. Between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m., four MiG-15 and type-29 planes landed at the field.

30 July. In the afternoon, a twin-engine plane which towed two sleeve targets was repeatedly observed over the town.

Between 14 and 23 August. Air activity was not as intensive as previously. At 4 p.m. on 23 August, 32 MiG-15 and type-29 planes and 1 biplane were counted at the field and 15 MiG-15 and type-29 aircraft were additionally estimated there. Some single-engine, low-wing monoplanes were also parked at the field. (1)

2. [redacted]
3. On 15 August, six 37-mm AA guns [redacted] were observed in the gun emplacement in the southeastern section of the field. At 4 p.m. on 23 August, no AA guns were observed there, and the tents were also removed. A rear detail of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was still there. (2)

4. The following observations were made at the field between 1 and 15 August:

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1 August. Between 3:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., MiG-15 and type-29 planes took off individually and in elements of two with intervals of 10 to 30 minutes. The planes practiced attacking of an air sleeve towed by a twin-engine plane.

2 August. Between 7:45 a.m. and 1:40 p.m., individual take-offs were made. The sky was cloudless.

4 August. Air activity continued until after 7:50 p.m. Two elements of MiG-15s and type-29s made local flights.

5 August. Between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., there was flying by MiG-15s [redacted] Attacks at a sleeve target were practiced.

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6 August. Air activity started only at 1 p.m. Between 1:00 and 7:15 p.m., firing at a sleeve target was practiced, the planes taking off individually and in elements of two.

7 August. Swept-back jet fighters made local flights between 8 and 11:30 a.m. and between 7:15 and 8:30 p.m. The sky was overcast.

8 August. Between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., there was local flying, each flight lasting 10 to 15 minutes. The planes took off individually. Swept-back jet fighters practiced night flying between 8 and 10:45 p.m. Aircraft observed at the field included 34 MiG-15 and type-29 planes, 8 single-engine planes and 1 twin-engine plane which were counted and about 15 additional MiG-15 and type-29 planes which were estimated at the field.

9 August. Between 10 a.m. and 6:45 p.m., firing at a sleeve target was practiced, each firing practice lasted about 25 minutes. High-altitude flights with strong vapor trails were observed.

10 August. No flying was observed at the field.

11 August. Local and high altitude flying and attacks at a sleeve target were made between 8:30 a.m. and noon. [redacted]

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12 August. Forty MiG-15s, 4 type-29 planes, 6 single-engine aircraft, 1 U-2 and 1 twin-engine plane were counted at the field, and an additional 10 MiG-15s and 4 single-engine planes were estimated there. Of the MiG-15s, 10 to 12 were parked in one row north of the runway, the alert flight was parked in the northeastern corner of the field and the remaining aircraft were parked without any pattern on the northern edge. There was air activity between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. and between 4 and 7:30 p.m. [redacted]

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13 August. Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. and between 8 and 10:30 p.m., there was flying by swept-back jet fighters. [redacted]

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14 August. Swept-back jet fighters took off individually and in elements of two between 8 and 10 a.m. and between 1 and 9 p.m.

15 August. There was air activity by swept-back jet fighters between 6 a.m. and noon. (1)

5. Four new radio masts were observed on the edge of Jagen (Forest-subarea) 215. The area was guarded by sentries. (3)
6. Six 37-mm AA guns, 12 tents and a wooden shed were observed in the southeastern corner of the field.

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- On 16 August, 5 or 6 trucks and some 37-mm guns were observed near the spur track. (2) A total of 30 to 35 aircraft crates were piled up along the railroad line. (4)

Comments.

- (1) The two fighter regiments at Finow airfield continue intensive air activity. Mostly firing at sleeve targets by planes flying individually and in formations is being practiced. For sketch of double sleeve target, see Annex. The two regiments at the field are believed to be equipped with a total of 50 to 60 jet aircraft.

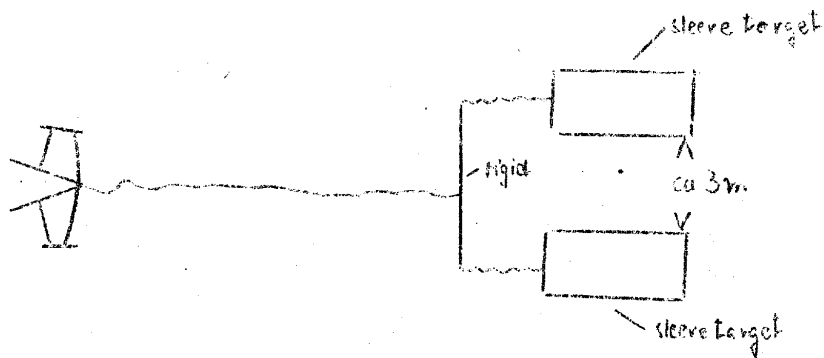
- (2) It has not been determined to which location the AA units moved. It is believed that they were detached to the Austrow AA firing range for firing with live ammunition as was also observed at other airfields in Eastern Germany. On 14 August, an AAA unit may have moved from Juetzenburg Altes Lager to Finow. See [redacted] This unit has probably taken over AAA protection at Finow airfield. If this assumption is correct, the unit should have arrived in Finow by 23 August 1952.
- (3) The radio installation observed is probably a KKW-45 DF station which is located in the eastern extension of the main runway.
- (4) No information is available on the arrival of new aircraft at Finow airfield. The crates observed were probably stored for shipment to the U.S.S.R.

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Double Sleeve Target Towed by Twin-Engine Plane
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